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Inventor: **Miljkovic, D.**  
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Collagen Homeostasis**

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

The Honorable Commissioner  
of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper responds to the Office Action dated June 5, 2002. Please enter the following:

IN THE CLAIMS

*a.* 3 ~~15~~ The method of claim 1 ~~15~~ wherein the cosmetic preparation comprises a skin penetration enhancer.

REMARKS

35 USC § 112

Claim 15 was rejected under 35 USC § 112 as being indefinite for use of the term "skin preparation enhancer". The applicant agrees. Claims 15 was amended to recite "skin penetration enhancer", which finds ample support throughout the specification (see *e.g.*, pages 6-7).

35 USC § 102

Claims 1-8, 12-18, and 20 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Miljkovic (U.S. Pat. No. 6,080,425). The applicant disagrees. In order to anticipate a claim, the reference must teach every element of the claim: